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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Consumers must have continued access to internet and telephone providers other than the big companies like AT&T. We need competition to keep the internet accessible to all communities at reasonable prices. I urge you to deny US Telecom's petition as it would deny the right of independent carriers to serve customers on copper lines. This would undoubtedly lead to the elimination of independent, smaller providers of internet service.

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